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On June 29, 2004

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Robert Fischer, et al.

Application No.: 09/812,283

Filed: March 19, 2001

For: NUCLEIC ACIDS THAT
CONTROL SEED AND FRUIT
DEVELOPMENT IN PLANTS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 2808

Examiner: Ashwin D. Mehta

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1638

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 8, 2004 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for an extension of time for response for three months, from March 30, 2004 through June 30, 2004, accompanies this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.